

ABSTRACTFACE DETECTION

5 Face detection apparatus generating an output indicative of the likelihood of test
regions of a test image containing a face comprises means operable to compare a test region
with face data indicative of the presence of a face in such a way as to detect plural respective
likelihood value indicative of the likelihood of the test region containing a face of a group of
respective different face sizes; and control means, responsive to metadata associated with the
10 image defining one of a set of predetermined classifications of the image, for modifying the
group and/or the likelihood values in dependence upon a face size or range of face sizes
appropriate to the classification of that image.

Figures 13a to 13c.